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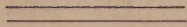
TOWN OFFICERS,

OF THE

TOWN OF WHATELY,

FOR THE

YEAR 1896.



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Whately Town Warrant.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

FRANKLIN, SS.

To Francis E. Sanderson, Constable of the Town of Whately,

GREETING :

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Whately, on Monday the first day of March, next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1.—To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2.—To choose all necessary town officers—Clerk, Treasurer, Selectmen, Assessors, School Committee, Auditor, Cemetery Commissioner, Library Trustee, one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith, all to be voted for on one ballot. The ballot for the ladies will contain the name for School Committee only.

ART. 3.—To vote by ballot “Yes” or “No” upon the question “Shall license be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors” in this town.

ART. 4.—To receive and act upon reports of all Officers, Committees, Commissioners, Trustees of the Town.

ART. 5.—To see if the Town will raise money to pay its loans.

ART. 6.—To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the coming year, and appropriate the same.

ART. 7.—To act upon the list of Jurors prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 8.—To see what the Town will do with the money received from the County, called the Dog Fund.

ART. 9.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the Public Library.

ART. 10.—To see if the Town will employ a Superintendent of Schools, and raise money for his salary.

ART. 11.—To see if the Town will raise five per cent. or any fixed per cent. on amount of Town Grant, State and County Taxes, the same to be allowed to those who pay their taxes on or before August 1st, 1897.

ART. 12.—To see if the Town will raise, or instruct its officers to borrow money, for repairs, either special or general, on cemeteries, roads, bridges, or buildings, or instruct its officers, committees, commissioners or trustees, in any matters of claims or suits, or transact any other business which may properly come before the meeting.

ART. 13.—To see if the Town will make an appropriation for Memorial Day.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at each of the Post Offices in said town, said posting to be at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twelfth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred ninety-seven.

SETH B. CRAFTS,	}	<i>Selectmen of Whately.</i>
DAVID ASHCRAFT,		
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,		

Town Clerk's Report.

The vital statistics of the town of Whately for the year 1896, are as follows :

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN WHATELY 1896.

Date.	Name.	Parents.
Jan. 12.	Ernest E.	Elmer G. & Fannie (Deveaux) Chapin.
" 22.	Edward S.	George L. and Lillian Nye Dickinson.
" 22.	Ella Adeline.	Frank O. and Lottie (Williams) Scott.
Apr. 13.	Maud Aurelia.	Myron and Cora Pratt Crafts.
May 29.		Mary Johnson.
Nov. 1.	Katharine.	Patrick and Hannah Prince Toomey.
" 24.		Allen P. and Mary Atkinson Crafts.
Dec. 2.	Edward A.	Frederick L. & Luella Sweet Graves.
" 9.	Harland S.	Arthur H. and Jennie Higgins Beers.
" 21.	James Nolan.	Michael and Mary Nolan Collins.
" 30.		Emma Smith.

Comparison table of births for the last five years :

1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
17	9	19	14	11

MARRIAGES REGISTERED.

Feb. 6. Arthur H. Beers of Whately, 31—Jennie W. Higgins of Whately, 27 ; by Rev. Geo. L. Dickinson.

Feb. 13. Henry S. Higgins of Whately, 30—Sarah H. Gould of Whately, 31 ; by Rev. Geo. L. Dickinson.

Feb. 18. Frank A. Damon of Whately, 24—Ella C. Simonds of Deerfield, 25 ; by Rev. R. S. J. Burke.

March 21. Shepherd R. Dyer of Plainfield, 55—Lena Willcutt of Whately, 22 ; by Chas. N. Dyer, Justice.

April 22. Edward A. Ryan of Hatfield, 21—Kate A. Toomey of Whately, 25 ; by Rev. R. S. J. Burke.

April 22. Emerson J. Torrey of Easthampton, 40—Melinda B. Hawley of Whately, 33 ; by Rev. Asa Reed Dilts.

April 28. Charles W. Wade of Hatfield, 26—Nellie L. Bardwell of Whately, 20 ; by Rev. Robert M. Woods.

May 9. Arthur A. Waite of Whately, 26—Bertha M. Waite of Whately, 24 ; by Rev. H. S. Snyder.

Nov. 11. Lewis E. Morton of Whately, 20—Delia A. Barnish of Deerfield, 18 ; by Rev. Andrew Campbell.

Nov. 18. Elisha M. Hubbard of Sunderland, 26—Nina H. Jennings of Whately, 22.

Number of certificates of marriage issued from this office from Jan. 1, 1896, to Dec. 31, 1896, 8.

Comparison table of marriages for the last five years :

1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
5	14	8	6	10

DEATHS REGISTERED.

Date.	Name.	Age.	Disease.
Feb. 14.	John Elder,	70 yrs.	Effects of a fall.
Mar. 14.	Erastus S. Munson,	77 "	Pneumonia Tubercul
" 29.	Stolham E. Allis,	63 "	Angina Pectoris.
Apr. 25.	Patrick Garvey,	43 "	Cancer of Liver.
June 4.	Adaline S. Dickinson,	70 "	Apoplexy.
July 29.	Harvey Moore,	83 "	Old Age.
Aug. 2.	Persis Richard Fox,	53 "	Heart.
" 10.	Wash'gton H. Bardw'll,	53-70	Chronic Crystitis.
" 21.	Maud A. Crafts,	4 mo.	Cholera Infantum.
Sept. 1.	Julia Wing Smith,	86 yrs.	Dysentery.
" 20.	Lydia D. Graves,	71 "	Pneumonia.
" 27.	Henry E. Nash,	35 "	Titanus.
Nov. 24.	Crafts,		Exhaustion.

Comparison table of deaths for the last five years :

1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
16	18	15	16	13

If any mistakes have been made in the above lists, either in names or dates, if those interested will inform the Town Clerk of the facts, the records will be corrected.

DOGS.

The number of dogs licensed during the year ending Nov. 30, 1896, with the receipts and settlement of the account with the County Treasurer is as follows :

43 male dogs at \$2.00,	\$86 00	
1 female dog at \$5.00,	5 00	\$91 00
Less fees 44 dogs at 20 cents,		8 80
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Balance,		\$82 20
Paid E. A. Newcomb, County Treasurer,		\$82 20

Comparison table for the last five years :

1892	1893	1894	1895	1896
\$94.20	\$118.60	\$100.20	\$87.00	\$82.20

There have been recorded in the Town Clerk's office from Jan. 1, 1896, to Dec. 31, 1896, twenty mortgages and bills of sale of personal property. There has been recorded one married woman's certificate. Three of the mortgages recorded have since been discharged.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE A. ELDER, *Town Clerk.*

Collector's Report.

FRANCIS E. SANDERSON in acct. with the Town of Whately.

Dr.

State Tax,	\$382 50
County Tax,	694 88
Town Tax,	5,915 62
Overlayings,	173 35
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	\$7,116 35

Cr.

By amount paid R. C. Howes, Treasurer,	\$6,150 45
Discount on Taxes,	209 21
Abatements,	16 00
Uncollected Taxes,	740 69
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	\$7,116 35

LIST OF JURORS PREPARED BY THE SELECTMEN.

Dexter Hager,	Lyman S. Munson,
Henry S. Higgins,	Rufus M. Swift,
John M. Crafts,	Victor D. Bardwell,
Geo. F. Pease,	Chas. E. Bardwell,
Frank E. Sanderson,	Orson Morton, Jr.,
Frank Dickinson,	George A. Elder,
Chas. H. Waite,	David Wells,
Peter Donovan,	E. W. Bardwell.

Treasurer's Report.

R. C. HOWES, TREASURER, in acct. with the Town of
Whately.

Dr.

To cash from M. Howes, ex-Treas.,	\$1,820 01
James A. Wood, Collector,	890 86
F. E. Sanderson, “	6,375 66
E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	5,000 00
“ “ Tuitions,	100 00
“ “ School Fund,	430 06
“ “ State Aid,	294 00
“ “ Military Aid,	42 02
“ “ Corporation Tax,	7 91
“ “ National Bank Tax,	1,001 47
“ “ Burial of soldiers,	35 00
R. H. Cook, Supt. salary,	67 09
L. F. Crafts, rent of Hall,	4 00
C. L. Sanderson, “ “	6 00
A. H. Beers, cement,	2 13
S. A. Wood, butcher's license, 1896-97,	2 00
W. S. Clapp, peddler's license,	3 00
F. L. Graves, plank,	67
E. A. Newcomb, Dog Fund,	66 12
W. S. Allen, Court fines,	16 53
Betsey Waite Fund,	11 18
S. B. Crafts, old bridge timber, tile and cement,	19 72
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Outstanding Orders,	\$661 70
Old Bills,	13 75
Cemetery,	53 16
State Aid,	277 50
Poor,	568 27
Bridges,	2,934 65
Schools,	1,565 71
Highways,	694 30
Library,	132 77
Damages,	1,411 50
Interest,	266 42
Debt,	4,100 00
State Tax,	332 50
County Tax,	694 88
Discount,	209 21
Abatements,	16 00
Contingent,	394 37
Assessors,	78 50
Ballot Clerks,	4 00
Treasurer,	35 00
Registrars,	60 00
School Committee,	25 00
Selectmen,	205 00
Balance,	1,461 24
	————— \$16,195 43

WHATELY, Feb. 13, 1897.

We have this day settled with the above-named Rylan C. Howes, Treasurer of the Town of Whately, and find in his hands and due the Town, One Thousand Four Hundred Sixty-one and $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars (\$1,461.24).

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>
DAVID ASHCRAFT,	
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,	
	<i>of</i>
	<i>Whately.</i>

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

Selectmen's Report.

In accordance with long continued usage and the requirements of law, the Selectmen submit the following Report to the people of Whately, with the intention of stating the facts as they appear to us, remembering that the same things may appear differently to different persons, but we claim an honest endeavor to further the interests and guard the welfare of the town we have undertaken to serve.

TAXES.

In this matter, in the amount that each tax payer must contribute to the public expense, every one must feel a lively interest, especially in these times of depression, when the income of the farm is scaled down to the point of bitter disappointment, if not pinching poverty. If taxes are to be apportioned justly and fairly, it seems necessary that a thorough examination should be made of the outlying lands and the value determined at the present time. Changes have come with the lapse of years, so that present conditions as to growth of wood and timber are unknown pasture lands, have depreciated in value, changes have been made each year, but no general appraisal has been made for a long time, the valuation being determined largely as it has stood on the valuation books for years. Each year these matters seem to attract the timid watch of a few sensitive imaginations and then carelessly drops. We cast no reflections upon the work of any board of Assessors. They have attended to their duties faithfully and are entitled to much credit. They enter upon their duties with the impression that to merit the approval of the town they must assess the taxes quickly, at the

least possible expense to the town. We recommend that the Assessors be instructed to make such examinations as in their judgment are necessary. We earnestly invite your careful consideration to this matter.

HIGHWAYS.

The Selectmen have acted as Road Commissioners for the year. Our Highways are in fair condition, not having suffered from destructive rains as much as usual. With an appropriation of \$550 to repair from fifty to sixty miles of road, we were obliged to spread it on pretty thin. We tried to keep them fairly comfortable and safe and keep within the appropriation. Our State Highway Commission, who are very expert in the art of road making, require from \$9,000 to \$16,000 per mile to make good roads. This is claimed to be valuable as an object lesson for a board of Selectmen who have \$10 per mile to expend. (Things are made appreciable by their contrasts.) We have succeeded better in keeping expenses within the appropriation than in getting a rest from the grumblers. The education we have obtained in the hard school of experience, we concede is very valuable. If you expect the luxury of nice roads, you must furnish the means for gratification. Our other necessities have been so many and pressing that it furnishes an apology for a scanty appropriation.

BRIDGES.

We have, in accordance with instructions from the town, bought four iron bridges of the Wrought Iron Bridge Co. of Canton, Ohio, 53, 40, 33 and 33 feet respectively, of modern and approved patterns, solid plate girders, which are conceded to be much more durable than truss bridges, where rods, bolts, sleeve nuts, lattice work, etc., are used in their construction, at a cost of \$1,340 delivered at railroad station. Good substantial abutments of heavy stone, foundations deep and permanent, have been put in. Excavating, filling, taking bridges from cars and placing in position cost \$1,303.77; total cost, \$2,643.77. All our long span bridges are of iron; we have none in excess of 25 feet of wood.

POOR.

In this department our expense account shows a smaller expenditure than for years, the same being \$568.27. We have assisted those dependent upon the charities of the town in a fairly generous manner. There has been no actual suffering. They should enjoy a good degree of comfort, "no waves of trouble roll across their peaceful breasts."

ROAD DAMAGES.

We have settled with all the persons involved in the unfortunate bridge accident of Nov. 27, 1895, that were not settled with previous to March, 1896, at an expense of \$1,238; paid other parties damages amounting to \$173.50. The Legislature should grant some relief to towns from the great expense for damages. As it stands to-day, towns are wholly at the mercy of any schemer who sees fit to bring suit for alleged damages. The traveler should bear a part of the damage resulting from his carelessness. If small towns are obliged to keep their roads and bridges in such condition as to be able to prove to the satisfaction of a court that no cause for claims could exist, they may as well go into bankruptcy.

APPROPRIATIONS.

We would not presume to fix the amount to be appropriated for each department, but would suggest as a fair business proposition on grounds of economy and good business policy, that a sufficient sum be appropriated to maintain good roads and bridges, efficient schools, and keep the town buildings in good repair and in becoming taste. Our work has been thoroughly examined and passed upon by the Auditor. We now submit it to you, for detail, a statement of expenditures in the different departments. See Report.

CONTINGENT.

Cecil T. Bagnal, printing Tax Lists for Assessors,	\$ 6 50
Gazette Printing Co., Town Reports and Order Book,	41 50
F. L. Graves, repairs on derrick, scraper, bridge bolt,	10 65
American Surety Co., Collector's Bond,	18 75
R. C. Howes, telephone, express, \$18.63 ; Treasurer's Bond, \$22.50,	41 13
L. F. Graves, service as Elector,	10 00
R. C. Howes, oil and chimney for Town Hall and Library,	3 01
V. D. Bardwell, time and expense bridge damage cases,	5 00
“ “ “ “ Merritt and Roche case,	2 00
Sam. D. Conant, council in “ “ “	55 65
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense “ “ “	7 00
Geo. D. Bartlett, damage traveling over his road,	1 00
F. L. Graves, repairs on derrick and scraper,	4 70
Wm. P. Smith, gravel for filling at bridge near H. W. Bardwell's,	11 30
M. Howes, telephone expenses,	15 37
S. W. Allis, gravel for hardening Claverack Road,	15 40
Lyman S. Munson, gravel,	8 00
L. F. Crafts, return of deaths,	3 00
Irving Allis, services as Inspector of Cattle,	7 00
Seth B. Crafts, time and expense in bridge damage cases,	17 50
Geo. E. Allen, scraper repairs,	8 50
Chas. L. Sanderson, care of Hall,	10 00
Lucius Meekins, ringing bell,	10 00
Elisha Jenney, support of water trough,	3 00
Geo. E. Sanderson, “ “ “	3 00
Lincoln Sanderson, “ “ “	5 00
Warren P. Crafts, “ “ “	5 00
Lyman A. Crafts, “ “ “	10 00
J. D. Seymour, M. D., reporting births,	2 50
Geo. A. Elder, stationery, Collector's book, express, supplies,	7 88
“ “ going to Montague with transcript of votes,	5 00
“ “ recording mortgage, \$1 ; Justice fees, \$2,	3 00
“ “ recording marriages, births, deaths,	9 60

Geo. B. McClellan, putting up railings,	\$4 00
M. Howes & Son, supplies for Hall and Library,	3 58
Seth B. Crafts, two trips to Orange to look after Jewett family,	6 50
Seth B. Crafts, trip to Holyoke and Springfield to buy iron pipe for culvert near F. B. Morton's,	3 50
Seth B. Crafts, trip to Northampton, and looking after construction of iron bridges,	9 50
Chas. A. Coville, support of water trough,	3 00
Chas. L. Sanderson, officers' fees,	2 50
Seth B. Crafts, freight and express,	3 56
R. C. Howes, telephone expense,	13 80
Francis E. Sanderson, tax on town lands,	2 99
A. C. Walker, M. D., examination in Merritt and Roche case, and witness fees,	12 00
V. D. Bardwell time looking after construction of iron bridges,	4 00
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	\$435 87

HIGHWAYS.

V. D. Bardwell,	\$0 50
Henry Sharp,	14 50
Watson Bardwell,	5 82
A. J. Coddling,	4 00
Hiram Graves,	1 25
Rufus Waite,	1 25
E. E. Smith,	1 25
E. W. Bardwell,	9 00
Asa T. Sanderson,	3 75
James Nolan,	2 50
John Scott,	2 50
Frank Sanderson,	22 50
Patrick Morrissey,	6 49
Chas. J. Smith,	12 00
Patrick Tuomey,	12 00
John Blunkard,	1 50
Morris Powers,	2 12

A. S. Belden,	\$1 85
David Ashcraft,	8 12
A. E. Waite,	2 62
Chas. E. Waite,	10 75
Geo. B. McClellan,	13 00
S. & H. A. Wilder,	9 00
Cooley B. Dickinson,	2 50
Lyman A. Crafts,	18 00
Geo. P. Graves,	8 50
Irving Allis,	15 50
Morris Powers,	63
Patrick Morrissey,	2 07
David Ashcraft,	1 00
Willis F. Waite,	14 56
Chas. E. Bardwell,	7 50
Chas. L. Sanderson,	1 72
Cooley B. Dickinson,	10 58
Geo. P. Graves,	6 75
Geo. B. McClellan,	4 36
“ “	10 27
David Wells,	6 00
Patrick Brennan,	4 40
Seth B. Crafts,	2 12
Morris Powers,	2 60
A. E. Waite,	88
Chas. E. Sanderson,	56
H. W. Bardwell,	1 24
Patrick Dalton,	50
Hiram Bardwell,	2 00
Chas. E. Bardwell,	2 25
Willis F. Waite,	4 20
Morris Nolan,	5 00
Geo. P. Graves,	25 75
James Nolan,	1 25
Ed. E. Sanderson,	50
John Scott,	50
A. J. Coddington,	6 90
Patrick Dalton,	1 88

Chas. E. Bardwell,	\$25 40
Willis Waite,	17 83
H. W. Bardwell,	2 25
Harry Sanderson,	1 45
Watson Bardwell,	2 68
Lennie Sanderson,	7 50
W. J. Gould,	1 00
W. P. Crafts,	4 25
V. D. Bardwell,	3 00
Warren P. Crafts,	9 23
E. A. Warner,	8 92
Frank Sanderson,	4 25
E. E. Sanderson,	2 50
Geo. P. Graves,	21 38
Fred Graves,	90
Seth B. Crafts,	26 46
L. F. Graves,	29 02
Geo. Skiff,	1 38
Henry Sharp,	3 67
Seth B. Crafts,	22 07
V. D. Bardwell,	1 50
S. W. Allis,	2 50
Francis E. Sanderson,	2 50
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	\$522 38

HIGHWAY SPECIAL.

HARDENING CLAVERACK ROAD.

L. F. Graves,	\$39 00
Mrs. M. Flavin,	10 81
John M. Crafts,	11 44
Thomas Flynn,	22 56
Thomas Flemming,	20 21
Sherman Bardwell,	3 13
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	\$107 15

HARDENING STRAITS ROAD.

S. M. Fisher,	\$7 50
O. E. Morton,	2 13
David Ashcraft,	3 75
Patrick Morrissey,	9 99
M. Tuomey,	7 50
Israel Smith,	10 62
Chas. J. Smith,	7 50
Chas. Pease,	7 50
Quinn Bros.,	8 50
John Blunkard,	7 50
Morris Powers,	14 74
Ed. Guyett,	7 50
A. E. Waite,	3 75
M. Handrahan,	3 12
Dennis Hayes,	5 62
Mrs. Julia Pease,	1 87
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	\$109 09

OLD BILLS.

Emerson Warner, gravel for roads,	\$8 00
Joseph Phelix, highway work,	50
James Nolan, " "	75
John M. Crafts, " "	1 50
F. V. Woodbury, bridge bolts,	2 80
Wm. P. Smith, support of water trough,	3 00
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	\$16 55

BRIDGES.

Francis E. Sanderson, bridge plank,	\$45 60
W. J. Walsh, iron pipe for culvert near F. B. Morton's,	49 50
Irving Allis, timber and stone work on culverts,	33 49
Geo. W. Moore, work on culvert near F. B. Morton's,	2 50
John F. Moore, work with team " " "	4 00

Edward E. Sanderson, work on bridges, West Whately,	\$1 00
Geo. P. Graves, " " " "	8 58
Hiram Graves, " " " "	63
Chas. E. Bardwell, " " " "	4 95
David Ashcraft, work on culvert at F. B. Morton's,	3 50
Patrick Morrissey, " " " "	7 63
Warren P. Crafts, timber and labor on culvert at Staddle Hill,	2 16
Elisha Grover, bridge plank,	50 41
V. D. Bardwell, " "	32 48
F. A. Crafts, freight on iron pipe,	5 28
E. E. Smith, work on bridge,	1 00
E. L. Grover, timber,	1 70
Arthur Beers, work on bridges,	2 25
F. A. Crafts, freight,	2 25
Moses Sanderson, cutting timber,	1 25
Elisha Grover, bridge plank,	27 10
Lennie Sanderson, cutting timber,	1 25
S. W. & A. B. Lee, Akron tile,	24 26
Geo. B. McClellan, planking bridge and filling,	4 39
Town of Sunderland, repairs on bridge,	26 21
Seth B. Crafts, work on culverts,	7 70
Chas. A. Coville, sawing timber and plank,	2 80
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	\$354 07

IRON BRIDGES.

W. F. Waite and H. W. Bardwell, stone for bridges,	\$150 00
F. A. Crafts, freight on bridges,	117 12
Chas. E. Bardwell, drawing stone for Swamp Bridge,	6 00
H. W. Bardwell, getting out stone for " "	7 50
Willis F. Waite, " " " " "	7 50
Wrought Iron Bridge Co., payment on bridges,	500 00
Edward E. Sanderson, laying stone Swamp Bridge,	5 00
Geo. W. Moore, work putting Swamp Bridge in position, and laying stone,	13 75
John F. Moore, work putting Swamp Bridge in position, and drawing bridge,	9 00

Seth B. Crafts, drawing stone from West Whately, digging out around abutments, drawing bridge and plank, and filling in,	58 74
Chas. H. Waite, putting on Swamp Bridge and filling in,	8 52
Wm. J. Gould, " " " " "	6 88
L. F. Crafts, painting Swamp Bridge, \$3; brushes, oil, \$1.35,	4 35
Waite and Bardwell, bridge abutments,	150 00
Wrought Iron Bridge Co., payment on bridges,	500 00
Waite and Bardwell, bridge abutments,	154 00
Wrought Iron Bridge Co.,	162 88
Waite and Bardwell, bridge abutments,	413 58
E. E. Smith, filling at bridge near H. W. Bardwells's,	2 50
Chas. E. Bardwell, " " " " "	7 50
Patrick Dalton, " " " " "	1 25
A. J. Coddling, " " " " "	7 50
Chas. E. Bardwell, drawing plank for Roaring Brook Bridge,	3 00
Jonathan Dickinson, filling in at Roaring Brook Bridge, \$1.25; hanging lamp, \$2.00,	3 25
Wrought Iron Bridge Co., payment on bridges,	60 00
W. F. Waite and H. W. Bardwell, work on approach to Roaring Brook Bridge,	2 00
J. A. Sullivan, cement for bridges,	32 25
W. F. Waite and H. W. Bardwell, painting 3 bridges,	5 00
W. F. Waite and H. W. Bardwell, stone work for Roaring Brook Bridge,	223 26
W. F. Waite and H. W. Bardwell, drawing bridge and putting on,	20 00
F. A. Crafts, freight on cement,	1 44
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	\$2,643 77

POOR.

Albert W. Judd, Northampton Hospital,	\$169 92
Mrs. Chas. E. Jewett, support of Jewett family,	199 92
Elihu Harvey, board at Calvin Knight's,	169 88
" " clothing and supplies,	19 55
H. W. Bardwell, keeping tramps,	9 00
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	\$568 27

STATE AID UNDER CHAP. 301, ACTS 1894.

Edward E. Sanderson,	\$54 00
Stephen G. Stearns,	48 00
Bela K. Crafts,	48 00
Luther M. Crafts,	72 00
Joseph L. Longley,	72 00
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	\$294 00

ROAD DAMAGES.

E. M. Roche and Lucy B. Merritt,	\$150 00
John M. Crafts,	3 50
W. P. Connelly,	20 00
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	\$173 50

BRIDGE ACCIDENT.

J. T. Keating,	\$117 00
Michael Bartley,	145 00
Edwin Moakler,	200 00
Michael Cusick,	325 00
Dennis Brazill,	150 00
Alcid St. Lawrence,	10 00
John Riley,	210 00
C. H. Loveland, M. D.,	76 00
J. M. Fay, M. D.,	5 00
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	\$1,238 00
	173 50
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	\$1,411 50

SALARY SUPT. OF SCHOOLS.

E. W. Goodhue has been paid	\$97 84
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SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL SUPPLIES.

Orders have been drawn amounting to	\$1,806 88
For detailed statement see School Committee report.	

TOWN DEBT.

Paid Hampshire Savings Bank Note,	\$2,000 00
C. N. Clark, Treas., Smith College Note,	600 00
E. P. Shaw, State Treas., payment Town Debt,	1,500 00
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	\$4,100 00

INTEREST.

E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	\$93 75
Chas. N. Clark, Treasurer Smith College,	30 42
Seth B. Crafts,	49 00
Hampshire Savings Bank,	93 25
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	\$266 42

COUNTY TAX.

E. A. Newcomb,	\$694 88
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STATE TAX.

E. P. Shaw, State Treasurer,	\$332 50
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TOWN OFFICERS.

ASSESSORS.

Chas. H. Waite,	\$28 50
Willis F. Waite,	25 00
M. J. Halloran,	25 00
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	\$78 50

TREASURER.

R. C. Howes,	\$35 00
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AUDITOR.

Lyman A. Crafts,	\$2 50
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SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

Lizzie G. Knowlton,	\$25 00
Lyman S. Munson,	25 00
Chas. H. Waite,	25 00
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	\$75 00

SELECTMEN.

David Ashcraft,	\$55 00
Victor D. Bardwell,	50 00
Seth B. Crafts,	100 00
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	\$205 00

ABATEMENTS.

Patrick Brennan,	\$2 00
Harlon J. Fisk,	2 00
Jerome Hallett,	4 00
H. E. Nash,	2 00
John Plander,	2 00
M. E. Stilwell,	2 00
Wm. Weissborn,	2 00
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	\$16 00

DISCOUNT ON TAXES.

Francis E. Sanderson,	\$209 21
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REGISTRARS.

Geo. A. Elder,	\$15 00
Victor D. Bardwell,	15 00
Seth B. Crafts,	15 00
David Ashcraft,	15 00
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	\$60 00

BALLOT CLERKS.

Arthur Beers,	\$2 00
L. F. Crafts,	2 00
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	\$4 00

LIBRARY.

Library Trustee orders drawn amounting to	\$132 77
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CEMETERIES.

R. C. Howes,	\$0 90
L. B. Cobb,	22 91
L. F. Crafts,	15 00
David Ashcraft,	3 50
Francis E. Sanderson,	10 85
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	\$53. 16

Through the generosity of Miss Betsy Waite, Mr. Alfred Belden, Miss Mary Dickinson, the income of the following gifts is to be used for cemetery purposes : Miss Waite's to care for her and her father's lot in the West Whately Cemetery, \$100 deposited in the Easthampton Savings Bank. Mr. Belden's of \$125, to buy fertilizer for East Whately Cemetery. Miss Dickinson's of \$1,000, to be expended in caring for three lots belonging to the Dickinson family. After keeping these lots in becoming taste, the remainder of the income is to be expended in the general improvements of the Center Cemetery.

RECAPITULATION OF ORDERS DRAWN 1896-97.

Old Bills,	\$ 16 55
Library,	132 77
Cemeteries,	53 16
State Aid,	294 00
Poor,	568 27
Bridges,	354 07
Iron Bridges,	2,643 77
Highways,	522 38

Highway Special,	\$216 24
Contingent Expense,	435 87
Schools,	1,806 88
Salary Supt. of Schools,	97 84
County Tax,	694 88
State Tax,	332 50
Payments on Town Debt,	4,100 00
Interest,	266 42
Town Officers,	396 00
Discount on Taxes,	209 21
Abatement of Taxes,	16 00
Registrars and Ballot Clerks,	64 00
Road Damages,	1,411 50
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	\$14,632 31

LIABILITIES OF THE TOWN FEB. 15, 1897.

Note State Treasury,	\$3,500 00
Outstanding Orders,	559 82
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	\$4,059 82

ASSETS OF THE TOWN.

Cash in Treasury,	\$1,461 24
Uncollected Taxes of 1895, J. A. Wood, Collector,	104 17
“ “ 1896, F. E. Sanderson, “	740 69
Town Lands, 68½ acres,	300 00
Due from State Aid,	367 50
Due from High School Tuition,	95 00
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	\$3,068 60

TOWN PROPERTY.

Town Hall,	\$4,000 00
Library and Court Decisions,	800 00
Safe, Furniture in Hall and Library,	250 00

Store House,	\$50 00
Derrick and Road Scraper,	100 00
Six School Houses,	2,000 00
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	\$7,200 00

SETH B. CRAFTS,	} <i>Selectmen</i>	
DAVID ASHCRAFT,		of
VICTOR D. BARDWELL,		<i>Whately.</i>

WHATELY, FEB. 13, 1897.

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and Selectmen of Whately, that I find the same correct, and that there is in the hands of R. C. Howes, Treasurer, and due the Town, Fourteen Hundred Sixty-one and $\frac{24}{100}$ Dollars (1,461.24).

LYMAN A. CRAFTS, *Auditor.*

Report of Library Trustees.

During the year we have added 90 new books to the library, making a total number of 2045.

We have had a Supplementary Catalogue printed, which includes all books purchased since the old catalogue was printed.

Much interest is taken in the library, and to keep this interest up we think it advisable to buy a few new books each year, therefore we recommend an appropriation of \$135 for books, care of library, etc.

The library room is far too small for the comfort and convenience of its patrons. The shelves are full and overflowing, many books being piled on the table and floor. We suggest that steps be taken to enlarge it in some way. The small room directly east of the present library can be easily connected, without much expense, and will make a suitable and commodious place.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Appropriation,		\$135 00
Cash paid for books,	\$88 77	
Librarian,	35 00	
Copying for Catalogue,	1 00	
Printing Catalogue,	6 40	
Freight, express, etc.,	1 60	
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H. E. ROOTE,
C. B. DICKINSON,
H. S. HIGGINS.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners for 1896.

There have been expended on North West Cemetery,	\$9 45
Received from Betsey Waite estate,	\$3 75
There has been expended on Centre Cemetery,	38 61
There has been expended on East Cemetery,	4 20

Our report shows that we have expended \$52.26, which is \$22.74 less than was raised. We would ask the town to appropriate \$75 for the year 1897.

F. E. SANDERSON,
L. F. CRAFTS.

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

To the Citizens of Whately:

The School Committee respectfully submit the following report.

SCHOOLS.

Several changes have been made in the schools this year. The North East School being so small it was thought best to unite it with the South East for the spring term and the results were so good that they have been kept together through the year, although it made a rather large school this winter.

Some changes of teachers have been made in some of the other schools.

It will be seen farther along in the report that some scholars, that live farthest away in the North East District, had to be carried to school in the winter term.

The total attendance has been as follows :

	Spring.	Fall.	Winter.
North Center,	26	21	18
South Center,	18	19	20
North West,	10	10	10
South West,	10	8	8
South East,	26	26	34
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	90	84	90

The North Center building has been newly shingled. This has been the largest bill for repairs on any one school building this year.

Our purchases of books has been about the same as last year, and there is quite a good supply of new books on hand.

As the State Board of Education would not re-imburse the town for tuitions at Deerfield Academy, it was thought best by the committee to only approve of scholars attending High Schools approved by the Board of Education. Consequently since September we have paid for scholars attending the High Schools of Northampton and Greenfield only. We have been re-imbursed for tuitions paid Northampton and Greenfield scholars previous to September 1, 1896.

SUPERINTENDENT.

We have had the services of Mr. E. W. Goodhue as Superintendent, who has been with us several years. We still appreciate his services as much as ever.

This report has to be made out about two weeks before the close of the schools and is correct if they are not disturbed by sickness or any other cause.

We recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year.

Schools,	\$1,300 00
School Supplies,	150 00
School House Repairs,	150 00
Salary of Superintendent,	125 00

CHAS. H. WAITE,	} School Committee of Whately.
LYMAN S. MUNSON,	
LIZZIE G. KNOWLTON,	

RECEIPTS.

Town Appropriation for Schools,	\$1,300 00
Town Appropriation for Books,	
Repairs and Superintendent,	425 00
Income of State School Fund,	430 06
Income of State Superintendency,	67 09
Re-imbursement of High School Tuitions,	100 00
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	\$2,322 15

EXPENDITURES.

Paid Outstanding Bills,	\$ 41 69
Fuel,	49 47
Teachers,	1,216 50
Care of School Houses,	33 25
Repairs and labor,	78 32
Books and supplies,	148 80
Superintendent,	97 84
High School tuitions,	147 00
Miscellaneous,	91 85
Re-imbursement from the State,	167 09
Balance unexpended,	250 34
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	\$2,322 15

OUTSTANDING BILLS.

Mrs. Susan Hayes, cleaning North East and South East rooms,	\$ 3 00
Tuitions at Deerfield Academy,	18 00
Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for stove repairs,	85
S. W. Allis, 5 cords wood,	19 00
Ginn & Co., school books,	84
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	\$41 69

FUEL.

Frank Sanderson, 5½ cords wood,	\$20 02
L. S. Munson, wood,	3 50
Wm. P. Smith, 1½ cords wood,	5 00
Chas. H. Waite, kindling wood,	1 00
Walter Myers, “ “	50
C. J. Smith, 5 cords wood,	19 45
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	\$49 47

PAID FOR TEACHERS.

North Center School, Miss Lois Lyman, teaching 10 weeks at \$7.00,	\$70 00
Miss Mary Gould, teaching 23 weeks at \$7.00,	161 00
South Center School, Mrs. H. K. White, teaching 33 weeks at \$7.00,	231 00
North West School, Miss Edith Waterman, teach- ing 33 weeks at \$7.00,	231 00
South West School, Miss Mary Fowler, teaching 10 weeks at \$7.00,	70 00
Miss Mary Bradford, teaching 11 weeks at \$7.00,	77 00
Miss Alice Thompson, teaching 12 weeks at \$8.00,	96 00
South East School, Walter L. Putnam, teaching 10 weeks at \$8.50,	85 00
Mrs. C. B. Scott, teaching 23 weeks at \$8.50	195 50
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	\$1,216.50

CARE OF SCHOOL HOUSES.

North Center School :	
Montville Crafts, janitor,	\$6 00
Mrs. Dwight Crafts, cleaning,	1 50
South Center School :	
Archibald Crombie, janitor,	4 00
“ “ cleaning,	1 50
Robert Adkins, janitor,	2 00

North West School :

George Grover, janitor,	\$5 50
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South West School :

Fred and Fay Bardwell, janitors,	5 50
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South East School :

Walter L. Putnam, janitor,	1 50
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Mrs. C. B. Scott, “	1 50
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John Hayes,	2 25
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Mrs. Susan Hayes, cleaning,	2 00
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\$33 25

REPAIRS AND LABOR.

Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for door mat and keys,	\$1 09
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Joseph Phelix, cleaning closets,	1 25
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Herbert Boyden, mason work S. Center School,	75
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E. P. Hall & Co., shingle and boards for North Center School House,	26 99
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Dwight Crafts, shingling North Center building,	10 83
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Chas. H. Waite, cash paid for mortar,	50
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“ “ “ “ shingles, nails, cartage and cleaning,	3 15
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L. F. Crafts, whitewashing and setting glass,	2 00
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Wm. P. Smith, labor and lumber,	15 55
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L. S. Munson, cash paid for incidental repairs,	5 55
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Sanford Fisher, labor,	3 70
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Aaron Waite, “	3 26
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Lizzie G. Knowlton, labor and fixtures,	3 70
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\$78 32

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES.

Silver, Burdett & Co.,	\$9 11
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Arthur Hinds & Co.,	5 54
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Leach, Shewell & Sanborn,	16 90
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Geo. F. King & Merrill,	12 28
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American Book Co.,	\$45 18
Boston School Supply Co.,	1 80
Ginn & Co.,	2 08
E. W. Goodhue,	21 05
Hinds & Noble,	40
Frank A. Hill,	12 00
D. C. Heath & Co.,	4 25
University Publishing Co.,	11 36
J. L. Hammett,	3 00
M. Howes & Son,	2 20
L. G. Knowlton,	1 65
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	\$148 80

SUPERINTENDENT.

E. W. Goodhue, month of March, 1896,	9 37
“ “ “ April, “	9 37
“ “ “ May, “	9 37
“ “ “ June, “	9 37
“ “ “ Sept., “	9 37
“ “ “ Oct., “	10 75
“ “ “ Nov., “	10 06
“ “ “ Dec., “	10 06
“ “ “ Jan., “	10 06
“ “ “ Feb., “	10 06
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	\$97 84

HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS.

Tuitions paid at Northampton High School,	\$105 00
“ “ Greenfield “ “	30 00
“ “ Deerfield Academy,	12 00
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	\$147 00

MISCELLANEOUS.

Chas. H. Waite, postage, freight and express,	\$9 85
Wm. Gould, labor at hall for teachers' meeting,	1 00
Chas. H. Waite, “ “ “	1 00
Chas. L. Sanderson, use of hall “ “	1 00

E. W. Goodhue, postage, express, stationery, printing and Institute expenses,	\$3 70
Cecil T. Bagnell, printing order books,	1 80
Chas. H. Waite, drawing wood from N. Center to S. Center School,	1 00
C. J. Smith, drawing wood from N. East to S. East School,	1 00
Chas. H. Waite, care of school books,	5 00
Town of Deerfield, tuition of scholars attending school at South Deerfield,	25 00
H. W. Ford, cash paid for tuition at South Deerfield,	2 50
H. B. Scott, transportation of pupils for winter term,	39 00
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	\$91 85

Superintendent's Report.

To the School Committee of Whately:

GENTLEMEN AND MADAM :—The annual report of the Schools of the district and town is herewith presented for your consideration. The school work in the entire district has been continued as far as possible in accordance with former arrangements, and in most cases has been kept well up to previous standards, and in some has improved upon them. A result of an established system is that the desired end is gained with little friction or noise, and the absence of these lead some to think that no improvement is attempted, but this is by no means true, it is the quiet, persistent effort that opens the way for improvement. Mere change, producing discussion and opposition, is no evidence of real progress, and a reasonably good system well and quietly followed will produce better results than constant upheaval and spasmodic reforms. The fact that there is an ever growing demand on the part of both parent and pupil for increased and more advanced school privileges is gratifying evidence that the instruction received has been thorough, for a random, incomplete and disconnected system seldom engenders a desire for a more extended course. Another evidence that our schools are appreciated, is that parents and guardians are making a stronger effort to have the children attend constantly and regularly. The truth so long maintained by school men that only by uninterrupted attendance can we hope to secure satisfactory results is acknowledged by more and more. Under unsystematic and desultory methods, the evils arising from absence, tardiness and dismissals are not so apparent, while under a good system every event of this kind produces its recognizable evil result. It is not intended to state that the evils above referred to have disappeared, but that they are less, and largely confined

to that portion of the community whose lack of educational acquirements makes it difficult for it to appreciate them. It is right that our schools should be criticised by those interested and capable of passing judgment upon them, and such criticism, if in a friendly spirit, is often very helpful. The teacher or school officer who attempts to convey the impression that his acts are not subject to criticism, simply exposes his self-conceit and ignorance, but, in most communities, there are certain chronic fault-finders who seem to consider schools and teachers as providentially furnished for the exercise of their peculiar gift, and this often without having stepped inside a school house during the year, and whose knowledge of what occurs there must be derived from ex-parte evidence and consequently unreliable. Our schools suffer from time to time because of such unrighteous judgments as are above referred to, especially when the work of a teacher is unfavorably commented upon in the immediate presence of the pupil, to such criticism teachers and officers object, and cordially invite any person hearing unfavorable reports of a school to visit it and see the condition of affairs before permitting himself to be influenced thereby. There are, as in former years, some things which make it difficult to secure just the conditions in the schools that seem desirable, but most of these are beyond the power of school officers to remedy. Change of teachers, disregard of the law on the part of some, the extreme difficulty of enforcing the law, and the distance and condition of the highways at certain seasons of the year, may be mentioned. There is, however, one thing that makes more to the injury or benefit of the schools than any above mentioned and which is within the control of the committee, that is the hiring of teachers. The interests at stake are too momentous to be endangered by hasty or injudicious action, and the most thorough inquiry and investigation possible should be made when a teacher is to be engaged. Of course, the interest of the pupils must be paramount and no feeling of personal sympathy or friendship, or consideration of social prestige can be justifiably pleaded as an excuse for permitting a lasting injury to be done a school, by placing a poor teacher in it. Your superintendent again urges the necessity of hiring only experienced and

successful teachers if possible, also that some arrangement be made so that the instructors engaged shall be examined in the branches of study they are to teach, and in their knowledge of methods of instruction, before they enter upon their duties.

The district meeting held in this town was unusually full of interest and the attendance large. The exhibition of the work done in the schools was fully equal to any before made at these meetings and received many commendatory notices. Agents Fletcher and Hall of the State Board and Prof. Simmons of Conway addressed the teachers. Mrs. White of the South Center School illustrated the teaching of English Grammar with a primary class from her room, and the real knowledge of the subject shown by the members was a source of surprise and even wonder to nearly all. Much credit is due the citizens of the town for their generous efforts made to insure the success of this gathering. The cordiality with which all were received and the willingness shown to use all means to increase the comfort of the visiting teachers added much to the pleasure of the day.

Several changes for the purpose of making it possible to do more advanced work are contemplated, therefore the prospect for still better results the coming year is good.

WHATELY SCHOOLS.

While it is not intended to convey the impression that our schools are perfect or not susceptible of much improvement, yet it can truthfully be said that they have been good, with slight exceptions, during the entire year. The attendance has been fully up to the average and the interest manifested by the pupils encouraging. The committee found it possible to lengthen the school year, much to the advantage of all concerned, and it is hoped that it may be made to include the present number of weeks permanently. As few changes as possible have been made in the teaching force and there has been good instruction in all schools.

The improvements made at the North West were much needed and are appreciated. As rapidly as possible the rooms should be supplied with slate boards, some additional reference books, and apparatus. Much needs to be done at the South Center, the

surroundings of the house at present indicating more pride in highways and sidewalks than in school yards. It is almost impossible to drive to the house with safety, and every time it rains the yard is a mixture of mud flats and small ponds that is both dangerous and disagreeable. The yard should be properly filled and graded, grassed over and a good driveway made to the door of the building, there is also need of considerable repairing of the house and out-buildings. Several scholars of the town are attending high schools in other places, and this is better, probably, at present, than to attempt to support a school of higher grade in town, but it is sincerely hoped that the prosperity of the town in the future will soon warrant a combination of schools that will admit of such a grade. Owing to the fact that all schools are in session at the time of writing this report it will not be possible to give the usual table of statistics.

NORTH CENTER.

An unavoidable change of teachers was made here, and as usual, the work suffered to some extent requiring some time for the school to get into good working trim after the change. There seems to be a determination on the part of both teacher and pupils to make up for lost time, and at present, the condition of the school is fair.

SOUTH CENTER.

This school still retains its customary excellent character, and the rapid advancement of the scholars is a striking testimonial to the high grade of instruction received. The most of the pupils are in advance of those of the same age in larger schools, while the enthusiasm, and thorough understanding of the subjects taught, make it a pleasure to visit there. About the only thing that works to the great disadvantage of this school, at present, seems to be the excusing of children for the purpose of attending to other matters during session time.

NORTH WEST.

There has been a steady and gratifying progress here and the advancement made is very encouraging. The influence of the

teacher upon the school is of a character that promotes conscientious performance of duty, and a pleasant condition in the room at all times.

SOUTH WEST.

This school has suffered more from the change of teachers than any other, and a portion of the year was of little profit to the pupils. It was evident that there was little community of interest between teacher and scholars, a condition which renders satisfactory results impossible, and while the former maintained her authority with a firm hand the latter were losing interest and becoming insubordinate. At present the school is in good shape and doing well with promise of a continuation of like desirable conditions.

SOUTH EAST.

It was thought best by the school officers to unite the North East school with this, owing to the small attendance there. The arrangement has given satisfaction, the scholars enjoying the advantages of the stimulus received from being connected with larger classes and better instruction. During the last term, however, the room has been overfull, because of the unexpected attendance of many, and it has been much more difficult to do the work, it being more than one teacher could do well, this condition will probably not exist in the spring as several will leave at that time. This school, so far as your superintendent is able to judge, is deserving of special mention in that, all things considered, it has been the model school of the town during the year. The attention to duty and almost perfect order of the room during visits, was of a character that gave evidence that it was not put on for the occasion. While the work is necessarily somewhat more broken than in other schools, yet the progress made has been marked, and the good instruction received together with the earnest work of the pupils must make this one of our most profitable schools.

In conclusion your superintendent wishes to say that there can be no doubt but that the people of the town are receiving good returns from the money invested in their schools, and they are urged to visit them more and judge of the work done for themselves; also to thank the members of the school board for the assistance and encouragement given and the citizens for their generous support and interest manifested.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. GOODHUE,
Supt. of Schools.

